

(b) if so, what is the policy frame-work, incentives, facilities and preferences, likely to be given to SSI Sector;

(c) whether Government have also decided to bring out any approved list of items to be manufactured by the SSI Sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government is supportive of and is already encouraging the Small and Medium Scale Industries to participate in defence production. The existing instructions issued by the Ministry of Small Scale Industries also provide for extending marketing support to SSI units in the emerging competitive environment. A scheme is being evolved to provide assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises to carry out design and development work for defence production.

(c) and (d) There is no approved list of defence items to be manufactured by the SSI sector.

Exodus of pilots from Defence Forces

†755. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BALAPTE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidence of resignations by the pilots of Indian Defence Forces has been continuing for the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of the pilots who resigned from Air Force, Navy and Army;

(c) the reasons for these large scale resignations;

(d) whether Government have proposed a scheme to check the exodus of pilots;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(f) the details of steps being taken by Government to meet the shortage of pilots in Defence Forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The pilots of the Defence Forces are granted premature retirement/resignation on case to case basis in accordance with extant Government policy. The details regarding the number of pilots released on premature retirement/resigned in the past few years is enclosed (see below).

(c) to (f) There are no large scale resignations of pilots from the Defence Forces. These exits do not affect the operational status of the Forces. The improvement in the job profile of the pilots is a continuous process keeping in view the job specific requirements and operational necessity. The vacancies in the Forces including those arising due to resignations are filled up as per normal procedure.

Statement

Exodus of Pilots from Defence Forces

	2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006 (upto 20th November 2006)	
	PR*	R**	FR	R	FR	R	FR	R	FR	R	FR	R
Air Force	27	1	48	1	72	-	116	-	58	-	19	-
Navy	4	-	4	-	9	-	10	1	17	-	21	-
Army	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	2	-

*PR-Proceeded on Premature Retirement.

**R-Resignation.

Projects under IGMDP of DRDO

756. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects currently being undertaken/in progress under the Integrated Guided Missile Development Programmes of DRDO;

(b) the details of each project including the cost overrun and time overrun, project-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that DRDO project delays have affected our defence preparedness and increased our import/acquisition abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, including the expenditure involved in acquisition of weapons systems during the last three years?